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Sir:

AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace original claims 1 and 4 with replacement claims 1 and 4, as follows:

1. (amended) A stacked-type, multi-flow heat exchanger comprising:
a plurality of heat transfer tubes, wherein each of said heat transfer tubes comprises:
a first tube plate;
a second tube plate connected to said first tube plate, wherein said first tube plate and said second tube plate form a refrigerant path within said heat transfer tube; and
an inner fin having a wave shape, wherein said inner fin is positioned within said refrigerant path and extends in a longitudinal direction along said refrigerant path;
a plurality of outer fins, wherein said plurality of outer fins and said plurality of heat transfer tubes are stacked alternately; and
a plurality of projection portions formed on at least one of said first tube plates and on at least one of said second tube plates, wherein said plurality of projection portions project into said refrigerant path and extend in an oblique direction relative to said inner fin, said inner fin is